

HOUSE No. 141

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, petition of Kevin J. Murphy and others relative to cost of living adjustments to members of non-contributory retirement systems. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Kevin J. Murphy
David M. Nangle

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT GRANTING COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS TO NON-CONTRIBUTORY RETIREES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 102 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by chapter 17 of the acts of 1997, is hereby further
3 amended by adding the following paragraph:—

4 (g) Whenever a cost-of-living adjustment is granted pursuant to
5 said paragraph (a), a former employee, or spouse or other benefi-
6 ciary of such employee, who is receiving a non-contributory pen-
7 sion from the commonwealth under provisions of this chapter or
8 under corresponding provisions of earlier laws or any other
9 general or special law, shall receive the same cost-of-living
10 adjustment from the commonwealth in accordance with applicable
11 provisions of this chapter or under corresponding provisions of
12 earlier laws or any general or special laws.

1 SECTION 2. Section 103 of said chapter 32, as appearing in
2 section 8 of chapter 17 of the acts of 1997, is hereby amended by
3 adding the following paragraph:—

4 (h) Whenever a cost-of-living adjustment is granted pursuant to
5 said paragraph (c), a former employee of the county, city, town,

6 district, or authority, or spouse or other beneficiary of such
7 employee, who is receiving a non-contributory pension from the
8 aforesaid governmental unit under the provisions of this chapter
9 or under corresponding provisions of earlier laws or any general
10 or special law, shall receive the same cost-of-living adjustment
11 from the aforesaid governmental unit in accordance with the
12 applicable provisions of this chapter or under corresponding pro-
13 visions of earlier laws or any other general or special law, if the
14 legislative body of the aforesaid governmental unit decides to
15 accept the provision of this chapter by a majority vote. For pur-
16 poses of this paragraph, “legislative body” shall mean in the case
17 of a city the city council in accordance with its charter, in the case
18 of a town the town meeting, in the case of a county the county
19 retirement board advisory council, in the case of a district the dis-
20 trict members, and in the case of an authority the governing body.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of section one herein shall be
2 applicable to cost-of-living adjustments made on or after July 1,
3 1998.

1 SECTION 4. The provisions of section two herein may be
2 applicable to cost-of-living adjustments made on or after July 1,
3 1998.